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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1 (currently amended). A method of identifying a device in a computer network, comprising:

indicating information that specifies the device;

responsive to the information that specifies the device being indicated, issuing multiple identical instances of a network ~~command~~ command, each instance of the command targeting the specified device; and

responsive to the targeted device receiving ~~the~~ a number of the network ~~command~~ commands exceeding a specified threshold, performing a user detectable action on the targeted device wherein the user detectable action enables the user to identify the targeted device.

2 (original). The method of claim 1, wherein indicating information that specifies the device comprises indicating the Internet protocol (IP) address of the specified device.

3 (original). The method of claim 1, wherein indicating information that specifies the device comprises indicating the host name of the specified device.

4 (original). The method of claim 3, further comprising converting the host name to a corresponding IP address.

5 (original). The method of claim 4, wherein converting the host name includes accessing a Domain Name Server (DNS) of the computer network.

6 (currently amended). The method of claim 1, wherein ~~issuing a~~ each of the identical network ~~command includes issuing~~ commands is an Internet Communication Messaging Protocol (ICMP) echo request.

7 (canceled).

8 (original). The method of claim 1, wherein performing a user detectable action includes issuing an audible sound with the targeted device.

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9 (original). The method of claim 1, wherein performing the user detectable action includes displaying a predetermined image on a display device of the targeted device.

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10 (currently amended). A computer network comprising:

a first device connected to a network interconnect, the first device including processor, memory, input means, and display, wherein the memory of the first device contains processor executable instructions for identifying a device on the network, the instructions including:

program code means enabling a user to indicate information that specifies the device; and

program code means for responsive to the information that specifies the device being indicated, issuing multiple instances of a network command targeting the specified device; and

a second device connected to the network interconnect, the second device including processor and memory, wherein the memory of the second device containing processor executable instructions including program code means for performing a user detectable action responsive to receiving a number of the network ~~command~~ commands exceeding a specified threshold value.

11 (original). The network of claim 10, wherein the program code means for indicating information that specifies the device include code means for indicating the Internet protocol (IP) address of the specified device.

12 (original). The network of claim 10, wherein the program code means for indicating information that specifies the device comprises code means for indicating the host name of the specified device.

13 (original). The network of claim 12, further comprising code means for converting the host name to a corresponding IP address.

14 (original). The network of claim 13, wherein the code means for converting the host name include code means for accessing a Domain Name Server (DNS) of the computer network.

15 (original). The network of claim 10, wherein the code means for issuing the network command include code means for issuing an Internet Communication Messaging Protocol (ICMP) echo request.

16 (canceled).

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17 (original). The network of claim 10, wherein the code means for performing a user detectable action include code means for issuing an audible sound with the targeted device.

A1 18 (original). The network of claim 10, wherein performing the user detectable action includes displaying a predetermined image on a display device of the targeted device.

19 (currently amended). A computer program product residing on a computer usable medium for identifying a device on a computer network, the computer program product comprising:

program code means enabling a user to indicate information that specifies the device;

program code means for responding to the information that specifies the device being indicated by issuing multiple instances of a network command targeting the specified device; and

program code means for performing a user detectable action [of the targeted device] responsive to receiving a number of the network [command] commands exceeding a specified threshold.

20 (original). The computer program produce of claim 19, wherein the program code means for indicating information that specifies the device include code means for indicating the Internet protocol (IP) address of the specified device.

21 (original). The computer program produce of claim 19, wherein the program code means for indicating information that specifies the device comprises code means for indicating the host name of the specified device.

22 (original). The computer program produce of claim 21, further comprising code means for converting the host name to a corresponding IP address by accessing a Domain Name Server (DNS) of the computer network.

23 (canceled).

24 (original). The computer program produce of claim 19, wherein the code means for performing a user detectable action include code means for issuing an audible sound with the targeted device.